

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the amended Abstract replace the previously submitted Abstract, as the Abstract is substantially rewritten. The Abstract contains the markings that show changes relative to the previous version, as required by 37 CFR §1.121(b)(ii). No new matter has been introduced.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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